AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 2 and 17.

1. (Previously presented) An opener or activator compound which modulates the biological activity of central nervous system-associated KCNQ potassium channel polypeptides by hyperpolarizing neurons that fire before or during a migraine headache or migraine-related disorder, the opener or activator compound comprising a compound according to Formula I and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, Formula I having the structure

$$R^{2}$$
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{6}
 R^{7}

wherein

 R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are each independently hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl halogen, fluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, phenyl, 4-methylphenyl or 4-trifluromethylphenyl;

 R^5 is C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted with one to three same or different groups selected from fluoro and chloro, provided that R^5 is not C_{1-6} alkyl when Y is O;

Y is O or S; and

R⁶ and R⁷ are each independently hydrogen, chloro, bromo or trifluoromethyl.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

- 4. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the opener or activator compound is (+)-3-[5-Chloro-2-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)phenyl]-1,3-dihydro-3-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-indol-2-one.
- 5. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the KCNQ potassium channel polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of one or more of KCNQ2, KCNQ3, KCNQ4, KCNQ5, and heteromultimers thereof.
- 6. (Currently amended) A method of modulating neuronal activity associated with migraine or a migraine-related disorder, comprising administering to an individual in need thereof an amount of the compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 effective to inhibit neuronal activity, thereby reducing, ameliorating or alleviating migraine or a migraine-related disorder.
- 7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein said neuronal activity is selectively inhibited with the trigeminovascular system of the central nervous system.
- 8. (Currently amended) A method of treating migraine or migraine-related disorder, comprising: administering to an individual in need thereof an opener of a CNS-located KCNQ potassium channel protein, or functional portion thereof, according to claim 1 or elaim 2, in an amount effective to selectively limit neuronal hyperexcitability during a migraine attack or migraine-related disorder by opening the CNS-located KCNQ potassium channel protein so as to protect against abnormal synchronous firing of neurons.
- 9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the neuronal hyperexcitability occurs within the trigeminovascular system of the central nervous system.
- 10. (Original) The method according to claim 6 or claim 8, wherein the KCNQ potassium channel protein is selected from the group consisting of KCNQ2, KCNQ3, KCNQ4, KCNQ5 and heteromultimers thereof.

- 11-16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Canceled)